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18 June 1963

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 18 June USIB Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 18 June Intelligence Board meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.



Executive Secretary

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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Two-hundred-seventy-fifth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 18 June 1963

Director of Central Intelligence
John A. McCone
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Huntington Sheldon, Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence Agency, acting for Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. Thomas L. Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army
Captain Rufus L. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy
Brigadier General P.D. Wynne, Jr., acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Lieutenant General Gordon A. Blake, Director, National Security Agency
Colonel Walter S. Hammond, acting for Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Approval of Minutes
12 June Meeting
(USIB-M-274)

Approved, as circulated, including the record of action on item 6 which was set forth separately in USIB-D-41.17/16.

2. Procedure for Clearance
of Watch Committee
Report No. 669

Noted, as reported by Mr. Sheldon, that the Watch Committee would hold its regular meeting on this date and would clear draft weekly report No. 669 with Board principals by telephone on 19 June.

3. Communist Reactions to
US Actions Taken with
Regard to Laos
(SNIE 58-63)

a. Approved as amended.

b. Agreed that the distribution of this special estimate should be limited to: (1) recipients of a coordinated State-Defense Memorandum for the President of 17 June to which the SNIE pertained (copies of which were tabled and explained at the meeting) and (2) the USIB members.

4. Proposed Memorandum
from Chairman, JCS to
the Secretary of Defense
(Memorandum for USIB, 14 June;
USIB-D-17.1/12, 7 June)

Noted, as indicated by the Chairman at the conclusion of the Board discussion of the subject, that he would talk first with the Secretary of Defense to ascertain the specific nature of his desires regarding the provision of certain additional intelligence information to NATO, and then with General Carroll to work out, subject to such further coordination as might be necessary with AEC, GMAIC, and JAEIC, a satisfactory response.

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5. White House Memorandum
Regarding Certain U.S.
Foreign Intelligence Objectives

a. Noted a 17 June memorandum on the subject from Mr. McGeorge Bundy, as read by the Chairman and distributed to each Board principal at the meeting.

b. Noted that the Chairman asked each USIB member to give individual consideration to the request in the memorandum for any specific recommendations which the heads of the several intelligence agencies might have for further strengthening the U.S. foreign intelligence effort in the areas dealt with in the attachment thereto.

c. Noted the Chairman's statement that he wished to discuss with the members at the next USIB meeting a procedure for preparation of the report requested in the memorandum.

6. Need for Special Estimative
Coverage Regarding South
Vietnam

The Chairman referred to the memorandum for USIB regarding an SNIE on South Vietnam which had been circulated for telephone concurrence by USIB-D-13.1/13. The Acting Chairman, Board of National Estimates (BNE) reported that most of the USIB members had concurred in the recommendation in that document with the exception of the Air Force member, who had not concurred.

The Chairman proposed that, in light of the new problems in South Vietnam since the above-mentioned memorandum had been circulated, the Board of National Estimates and the USIB representatives should prepare an SNIE on the political situation in that country. Such an estimate might take into account the implications of GVN action to restrict U.S. activities, GVN relations with the U.S., and the Buddhist problem.

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After further discussion the Board agreed that the Chairman, in consultation with the Acting Chairman, BNE, should decide upon the scope and timing of a special estimate or estimates on South Vietnam.

7. Executive Session

Following general discussion of two problems which Mr. Hughes raised with the members in this executive session, the USIB:

a. Noted that Mr. Sheldon reported that CIA had been looking into possible modification of current intelligence reporting now accomplished through the Central Intelligence Bulletin, and would take into account certain related points which Mr. Hughes raised in the meeting.

b. Noted Mr. McCone's request to General Carroll for further information on the subjects covered in certain weekly intelligence briefings on which Mr. Hughes had commented during the discussion.

Adjournment: 1225



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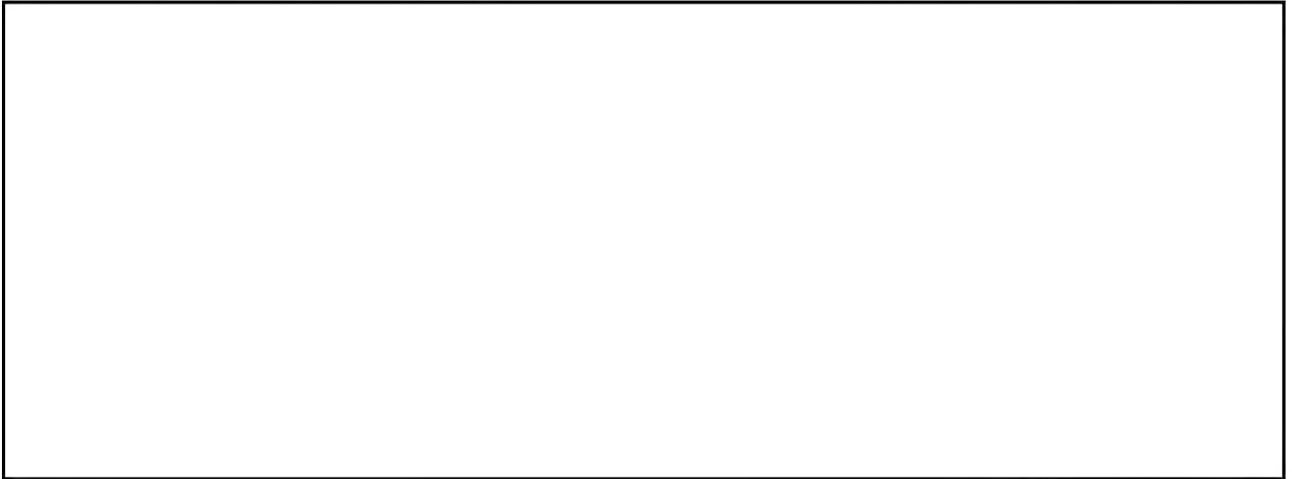
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